

R E M A R K S

Consideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended at page 1 to identify that this application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/005091. No new matter has been added.

Claims 3, 5-9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23-27, 30-36, 42-49, 51-58 and 60-62 are canceled. Claims 63-71 are added. New claim 63 corresponds to claim 39 dependent on claim 37. New claims 64-66 correspond to claim 40 depending from claims 63, 38 and 39, respectively. New claims 67-69 correspond to claim 41 depending from claims 63, 38 and 39, respectively. New claims 70 and 71 correspond to the subject matter of claim 61. In addition claims 1, 2, 4, 10-15, 18, 22, 28, 29, 37-41, 50 and 59 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and/or correct minor informalities.

No new matter has been added. Entry of the revised set of claims is respectfully requested.

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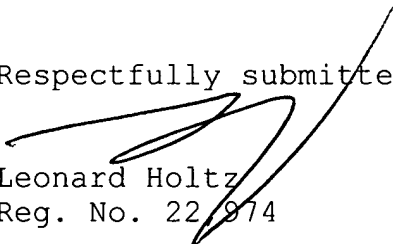
In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Preliminary Amendment

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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